

1A

552.0742 6
C38
1875-85

REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN & OTHER TOWN OFFICERS

OF

68078

CHARLESTOWN, N. H.

INCLUDING THE REPORT OF THE

Superintending School Committee,

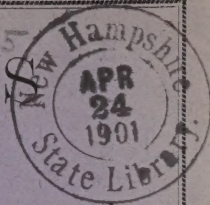
FOR THE

Year ending March 1, 1875.

CLAREMONT, N. H.

PRINTED BY THE CLAREMONT MANUFACTURING COMPANY.

1875.



State of New-Hampshire.

L. S. To the inhabitants of the town of Charlestown, qualified to vote in town affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said town, on the second Tuesday of March next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects.

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

2. To bring in your votes for Governor, Railroad Commissioner, Councilor, Senator, Register of Deeds, County Commissioner, and County Treasurer,

3. To bring in your votes for Representative in Congress, in District Number Three.

4. To choose one or more Representatives to represent said town in the General Court to be held at Concord on the first Wednesday of June next.

5. To choose all necessary Town Officers and Agents for the year ensuing.

6. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the support of Schools, for the maintainance of the Poor, for laying out and repairing Highways, and building and repairing Bridges, and for other necessary charges arising within the town.

7. To see if the town will instruct their representatives to procure the enactment of a law for a more just and equitable distribution of taxes on the Sullivan Railroad.

8. To see if the town will appoint an Agent to secure an appraisal of the Sullivan Railroad, in accordance with the laws of the State.

9. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen, or duly appointed Trustees for that purpose, to receive funds, by devise, or otherwise, not exceeding one thousand dollars from any one person, and pay the legal rate of interest for the time being, and use the same for the purpose of improving the Cemeteries of the town, or any lots therein, and cause the same to be expended by duly appointed agents for that purpose.

10. To see if the town will vote to build a Lobby, and appropriate money for the same.

Given under our hands and seal, this twentieth day of February, A. D., 1875.

R. W. ROBERTSON, } *Selectmen*
B. W. PUTNAM, } *of*
JOHN W. TAYLOR, } *Charlestown.*

REPORT
OF THE
OFFICERS OF THE
TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN,

For the year ending March 1, 1875.



Report of the Selectmen.

The Town, at the annual meeting in March, 1874, voted to raise these sums.

State tax.....	\$3,024 00
County tax.....	3,000 00
Schools.....	2,436 00
Roads and Bridges.....	600 00
Town officers.....	1,000 00
Town paupers.....	1,000 00
Interest on Town debt.....	2,000 00
Incidentals.....	600 00
Cemeteries.....	200 00
Highways, to be paid in labor.....	2,000 00
	<hr/>
	15,860 00
Selectmen added.....	690 59
	<hr/>
	\$ 16,550 59

TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN,

in account with Town Hall Committee.

CREDITS.

1873

March 1, Balance.....	\$ 2,041 77
May 1, Proceeds Dedication Ball..	91 55
Savings Banks deposits....	72 31
	<hr/> \$ 2,205 63

DEBITS.

1873

March 1, National Eagle, Advertising,	5 05
Express charges.....	1 25
April 3, Woolson & Thompson, settees	100 80
4, G. S. Bond, Chandeliers....	228 36
" bal. on furnaces...	18 67
May 1, F. S. Coolidge, settees....	198 00
Paid A. P. Clifford.....	1,653 50
	<hr/> \$ 2,205 63

GEORGE OLCOTT,*for the Committee.*

March 1, 1875. The above account was given to the Selectmen at the settling of Town accounts in 1874, but by an oversight of theirs, was left out of the printed report for that year.

TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN,in account with George Olcott, *Treasurer.***Dr.**

March 1, 1875.

Paid for Schools.....	\$ 2,703 13
" Roads and bridges.....	765 88
" Town paupers.....	1,091 91
" County paupers.....	107 45
" Town Farm.....	720 58
" Cemeteries.....	573 80
" Town debt.....	8,626 59
" Town officers.....	1,049 25
" Incidentals.	1,165 75

Paid for Tomb Committee.....	877 12	
“ Sheep killed by dogs....	32 00	
“ Abatement of taxes.....	201 63	
“ Town History.....	811 41	
“ Prohibition Committee...	115 05	
	<hr/>	\$ 18,841 55

Cr.

1874

March 4. Balance.....	\$ 74 97	
Borrowed on Town note, No. 59....	938 00	
“ “ “ No. 60....	100 00	
“ “ “ No. 61....	200 00	
“ “ “ No. 62....	700 00	
“ “ “ No. 63....	500 00	
“ “ “ No. 64....	200 00	
“ “ “ No. 65....	300 00	
“ “ “ No. 66....	332 00	
“ “ “ No. 67....	100 00	
“ “ “ No. 68....	1,450 00	
“ “ “ No. 69....	210 00	
“ “ “ No. 70....	250 00	
“ “ “ No. 71....	400 00	
“ “ “ No. 72....	1,500 00	
By cash for Slate.....	3 00	
Benj'n Whipple, Taxes 1873.....	331 41	
B. W. Putnam, County paupers....	232 53	
Town of Claremont, surveying.....	2 50	
Savings Bank Tax.....	1,495 15	
Railroad tax.....	420 79	
Literary Fund.....	140 22	
Charles Gay, for oxen.....	92 80	
John M. Glidden's estate.....	47 00	
Alvin Frost, taxes 1874.....	6,988 10	
George Lakin, Town Farm.....	101 27	
W. F. Merrill, sale old hearse.....	12 00	
Geo. S. Bond, Custodian Town Hall,	23 52	
H. B. Viall, taxes 1874.....	629 51	
	<hr/>	17,774 77
Balance due Treasurer,		1 066 78
		<hr/>
		\$ 18,841 55

Schools.

Paid	E. G. Spencer, District No. 1,	\$	112	12
	A. D. Hull, " Nos. 2 & 3,		1,185	56
	Charles Willard, " No. 4,		180	00
	E. F. Hubbard, " No. 5,		172	89
	H. K. Jenney, " No. 6,		161	50
	E. R. Perry, " No. 7,		127	33
	N. W. Locke, " No. 8,		65	00
	Riley Goodell, " No. 9,		135	00
	Michael Meeney, " No. 10,		32	90
	John L. Adams, " No. 11,		123	53
	Mark Lane, " No. 12,		93	16
	E. A. Scott, " No. 13,		176	69
	A. C. Eggleston, " No. 14,		104	55
	Lewis Lane, " No. 15,		28	20
	Geo. H. Leet, " No. 6, in Claremont,		4	70
				<hr/>
				\$ 2,703 13

Roads and Bridges.

John M. Crosby, timber for bridge,	\$ 2 00
R. W. Robertson, labor,	26 00
Sam'l Putnam, jr., breaking roads, 1873,	7 00
E. G. Spencer, building railing,	25 50
C. B. Bailey, culvert at So. Charlestown,	264 00
B. W. Putnam, plank,	12 75
Geo. Hubbard, "	10 05
E. G. Spencer,	3 00
Lucian Lane, work on bridge,	13 50
N. B. Hull, watering trough,	3 00
L. S. Fairbanks, work on bridge,	18 80
Ashbel Hamlin, use of gravel pit,	3 00
James R. Perry, labor,	18 20
James W. Fisk, breaking roads,	37 00
Mark Lane, " "	5 35
Allen Evans, " "	10 00
John A. Towner, snowing bridge,	5 00
Alvah C. Way, breaking roads,	25 10
Michael Meeney, " "	2 80
Geo. H. Powers, repairs of roads,	25 20
Thomas F. Pingree, breaking roads,	9 50
L. F. Hodgman, " "	3 00

W. S. Butterfield, breaking roads,	18 10
Jarvis Walker, bridge plank,	32 20
R. W. Robertson,	9 41
Artemas Wood, breaking roads,	4 00
John W. Taylor, " "	44 72
N. W. Locke, " "	20 50
Geo. Hubbard, " "	4 00
E. F. Hubbard, " "	14 00
Lewis Lane, " "	25 80
E. F. Hubbard, watering trough,	3 00
L. S. Fairbanks, breaking roads,	12 40
James S. Putnam, " "	32 00
Brooks Kimball, watering trough,	3 00
" "	5 00
Wm. Hamlin, watering trough,	3 00
T. B. Lovell's estate, work on roads,	5 00

\$ 765 88

Town Paupers.

Edward Cooley, goods,	\$ 3 00
W. B. Porter, medical advice,	4 25
L. H. Royce, store bill,	10 98
Metcalf & Hamlin, store bill,	20 07
John W. Taylor, " "	30 00
B. W. Putnam, meal,	2 00
Support of Jona. Lynds,	569 75
" of two paupers at N. H. Insane Asylum,	451 86

\$ 1,091 91

County Paupers.

D. G. Stoughton, transient,	\$ 3 10
B. W. Putnam,	5 00
Alvin Frost, E. Stone,	45 00
B. W. Putnam, wood, Mrs. Mullen,	5 00
W. A. Hunt, L. Ashy,	9 00
W. H. Labaree, goods,	3 25
B. W. Putnam, transient,	7 00
R. W. Robertson, do.	12 25

B. W. Putnam,	do.	1 15
J. W. Taylor,	do.	6 00
R. W. Robertson,	do.	6 00
J. W. Taylor,	do.	4 70

\$ 107 45

Town Farm.

D. C. Moore, liquors,	\$ 2 25
W. H. Labaree, store bill,	141 48
R. W. Robertson, tea,	13 00
G. Lakin, services as Agent,	295 84
do. flour,	10 25
do. J. Ashey, labor,	30 00
"	8 00
Metcalf & Hamlin, store bill,	68 37
C. Walker, meal,	9 30
L. H. Royce & Co., store bill,	36 08
Richard Robertson, grain,	15 25
D. Bradford, meat,	12 04
Wm. Putnam, services,	8 71
John S. Fish, blacksmithing,	1 50
Geo. S. Bond, sundries,	15 69
Geo. H. Powers, use of pasture,	20 75
Edw. Cooley, store bill,	23 20
Brooks Kimball, blacksmithing,	4 57
Hiram Smith, "	4 30

\$ 720 58

Cemeteries.

R. W. Robertson, Posts.....	10 00
Horace Metcalf, N. Charlesto'n fountain	457 55
Horace Hubbard " cemetery	11 00
H. C. Ellenwood, care of village "	75 15
E. H. Tidd, breaking roads.....	2 00
W. F. Merrill, No. Chas. Cemetery.....	4 15
H. C. Ellenwood, removal of A. E.	
Spaulding	13 50

\$ 573 80

Town Debt.

Paid Interest on note, No. 42.....	60 00
" " " No 53.....	180 00
" on note, No. 18.....	1,000 00
" Interest on note, No. 54.....	180 00
" " " No. 52.....	30 00
" in full note, No. 57.....	52 88
" " No. 56.....	72 48
" Int. on note No. 34.....	27 00
" " No. 20.....	30 00
" " No. 27.....	60 00
" in full note, No. 56.....	1,226 92
" on note, No. 40.....	200 00
" in full note, No. 60.....	102 50
" Int. on note, No. 16.....	480 00
" " 18.....	271 33
" " 45	219 00
" " 62.....	12 46
" " 40.....	26 44
" " 47.....	60 00
" on note, No. 18.....	2,000 00
" in full note, No. 66.....	336 98
" " 44.....	366 57
" on note, No. 18.....	1,250 00
" in full note, No. 55.....	209 03
" Int. on note, No. 33.....	73 00
" on note, No. 40	100 00
<hr/>	
\$ 8,626 59	

Town Officers.

Alvin Frost, Auditor 1873.....	9 00
H. B. Viall, "	9 00
A. D. Hull, services at meeting.....	7 50
Charles Gay " "	5 00
George Olcott, services as moderator.....	40 00
Geo. W. Frost, Constable 1872.....	26 00
Horace Metcalf, services at Concord.....	11 00
Sol. P. Osgood, Constable.....	50 00
R. W. Robertson, Selectman.....	200 00
Benj. W. Putnam, Selectman.....	200 00
John W. Taylor, Selectman.....	160 00

George Olcott, Treasurer.....	50 00
Benj. W. Putnam, overseer of poor.....	20 00
Charles C. Kimball, Town Clerk.....	50 00
Alvin Frost, Collector of taxes.....	75 00
E. L. Cushing, Retainer.....	15 00
E. De Normandie, Supt Schools.....	98 75
“ School Committee.....	23 00
	<hr/>
	\$ 1,049 25

Incidentals,

Claremont Manuf'g Co., printing reports,	42 00
J. W. Corbin, work on Town Hall, 1873,	10 00
S. A. Spooner, railing for platform,	22 57
B. W. Putnam, wood for Town Hall,	2 50
Claremont Manuf'g Co., printing,	8 00
“ “ “	4 32
Alvin Frost, Collector's blanks,	4 00
Geo. S. Bond, blinds for Town Hall,	408 24
Geo. Olcott, copy of I. H. Silsby's will,	2 00
E. R. Osgood & Co., North Charlestown hearse,	220 00
E. D. Baker, to settle suit of S. O. Cooley,	74 44
Cyrus Blake, cleaning stone, Town Hall,	5 50
Charles Fisher, running Town lines,	19 25
E. S. Milliken, Adm., damages on highway,	20 00
Geo. S. Bond, saw dust and labor,	9 65
“ lead pipe at Geer Spring,	31 31
B. W. Putnam, running Town lines,	10 00
“ attending court,	5 00
R. W. Robertson, damages on highway,	10 00
“ stone &c.,	1 35
H. C. Ellenwood, care of gun,	11 25
B. W. Putnam, wood for Town Hall,	6 00
George W. Hamlin, services,	1 00
H. C. Ellenwood, burial of dead,	78 00
George S. Bond, pipe &c.,	91
S. H. Grinnell, use of pasture	3 00
Joseph Burt, care of Town clock,	15 00
Allen C. Reed, drawing plans,	3 50
B. W. Putnam, attending court,	8 00
C. C. Kimball, book-keeping,	15 00
“ stationery,	7 46

Colby and Batchelder, retainer fee,	5 00
D. C. Moore, certificates births and deaths,	1 50
W. F. Merrill, burial of dead, No. Charlestown,	24 00
Sam'l Webber, certificates of births and deaths,	1 50
J. C. Stebbins, printing notices,	2 00
Geo. Olcott, Tr. interest on over draft,	72 50

\$ 1,165 75

Account of Tomb Committee.

Paid J. W. Hazen, work,	61 87
" S. H. Hurd, granite,	80 00
" Alvin Frost, work, lumber & bills paid,	99 60
" W. S. Westgate, work,	18 11
" Freight on granite,	9 15
" Daniel Hart, work,	28 00
" H. D. Dickey, slating,	47 50
" J. W. Taylor, bills paid,	60 00
" Wilbra Bailey, work,	12 00
" C. Callahan, work,	6 00
" W. Bailey, fitting door,	6 00
" Alvin Frost, work,	5 00
" Metcalf & Johnson, lumber,	11 13
" H. Hull, labor,	18 10
" W. H. Labaree, nails,	2 59
" Freight on doors,	4 17
" Tomb doors,	144 33
" J. W. Taylor, bricks,	162 00
" " labor and bills paid,	73 40
" C. C. Kimball, balance Expense to Claremont,	5 60
" J. S. Fish, lumber,	11 02
" C. V. Barker, work,	2 00
" Horace Hull, "	2 75
" G. S. Bond, bell,	6 80

\$ 877 12

The tomb is complete except painting, cementing the floor and some grading. Estimated cost to complete it is \$ 25 00.

CHAS. C. KIMBALL }
JOHN W. TAYLOR } *Committee.*

Sheep killed by Dogs.

Samuel E. Gowing,.....	12 00
Benj. L. Eaton,.....	10 00
John W. Taylor,.....	10 00
	<hr/>
	\$ 32 00

Abatement of Taxes.

Hunt, Henry L.	1869.....	92
Hunt, Henry L.	1870.....	11 10
Woods, Artemas	"	1 44
Hunt, Henry L.	1871.....	4 39
Heath, Daniel	"	1 00
Woods, Artemas	"	3 64
Ferguson, John W.	1872.....	5 27
Hunt, Henry L.	"	2 97
Mc Crae, Charles A.	"	1 14
Parks, Charles (bal)	"	6 02
Paine, Clinton	1873.....	1 70
Stone, Ambrose	"	3 08
Sager, Samuel	"	2 35
Benware, Joseph	"	3 37
Brunell, Charles	"	1 90
Corbin, Mrs. Anne	"	4 00
Corbin, Eben	"	2 02
Clinton, John T.	"	1 81
Dunham, William	"	3 20
Fallows, Francis	"	1 60
Heath, Daniel	"	3 28
Haley, Hugh	"	1 60
Messinger, Henry	"	1 81
Olney, Sylvester	"	1 60
Aldrich, Luther R.	1874.....	1 44
Brunnell, Chas.	"	2 70
Brooks, Mary A.	"	10 00
Daman, Henry	"	1 25
Derby, Mrs. Erastus	"	4 29
Griggs, Almaron	"	1 43
Gibson, Henry	"	1 43
Jones, Mrs. Nancy	"	11 44
Middleton Estate	"	4 38
Perry, James E.	"	25 00

Putnam, Mrs. Catherine	"	2 88
Straw, Mrs. Daniel	"	1 55
Bond, George S.	"	8 58
Oscar Clark,	"	3 75
Highway taxes of non residents paid highway Sur-		
veyors.....		35 10
Riley, Goodell	1874.....	15 00
		<hr/>
		\$ 201 63

Town History.

1874

March 7, Paid	H. H. Saunderson.....	\$66 00
Apr. 11,	" "	60 00
May 9,	" "	69 00
June 1,	" "	66 00
July 30,	" "	81 00
Aug. 8,	" "	54 00
Sep. 19.	" "	66 00
Oct. 5,	" "	66 00
Nov, 2,	" "	66 00
Dec. 14.	" "	75 00

1875

Jan. 4,	" "	54 00
Feb. 1,	" "	66 00
" 19,	" Horace Metcalf	22 41

\$ 811 41

Josiah Cobb, Committee.

To enforce Prohibitory Law, in account with Town of Charlestown.

Dr.

Going to Claremont,.....	\$ 3 00
One day at home,.....	2 00
Paid E. L. Cushing,.....	25 00
H. B. Viall, teams,.....	6 00
John S. Walker, sheriff,.....	21 95
C. B. Lawton,.....	85
Bolivar Lovell,.....	20 00
H. C. Ellenwood,.....	1 00

Paid Geo. Hubbard,.....	5 00
A. S. Waite,.....	20 00
Fare to Newport,.....	6 00
H. Hull,.....	2 00
A. Frost,.....	2 25
	<hr/>
	\$ 115 05

Collector's Account.

BENJAMIN WHIPPLE, Collector for 1873, in account with town of Charlestown.

Dr.

Mar. 1, 1874. Balance on old bills,.....\$ 400 00

Cr.

Paid Town Treasurer,.....	\$ 331 41
Balance due Town,.....	68 59
	<hr/>
	\$ 400 00

ALVIN FROST, in account with town of Charlestown, March 1, 1874.

Dr.

Tax bills,.....\$ 14,550 59

Cr.

Paid State tax,.....	\$3,024 00
Paid County tax,.....	3,108 98
Paid Town Treasurer,.....	6,988 10
Charged H. B. Viall Coll.....	1,429 51
	<hr/>
	14,550 59

H. B. VIALL, Collector, in account with town of Charlestown.
Feb. 16, 1875.

Dr.

Balance of A. Frost's tax bills.\$1,429 51

Cr.

Paid Town Treasurer.....	629 51
Balance due Town.....	800 00
	<hr/>
	1,429 51

Account of the Town Farm.**Town Farm****Dr.**

Am't paid from Town Treasury.	720 58
Interest on cost of farm.....	180 00
	<hr/>
	900 58

Cr.

Paid into Treasury.....	101 27
Gain on Personal Property....	129 35
	<hr/>
	230 62

Balance	669 96
---------	--------

D. C. MOORE, Liquor Agent, to the Town of Charlestown,

Dr.

March 1, 1874.	To liquors on hand.....	\$ 167 17
" 1875	" cash rec. for liquors.....	930 00
		<hr/>
		\$ 1,097 17

Cr.

By amount paid for liquor.....	830 00
Salary, license, freight &c.....	150 00
	<hr/>
	980 00
	<hr/>
Liquors, kegs & cash on hand	117 17

Town Indebtedness March 1, 1874.

Note	No.	16.....	\$ 8000 00
		18.....	850 00
		20.....	500 00
		21.....	375 00

Note	No	27.....	1000 00
		32.....	1000 00
		33.....	1000 00
		34.....	450 00
		40.....	200 00
		42.....	1000 00
		45.....	3000 00
		47.....	1000 00
		48.....	70 00
		51.....	300 00
		52.....	500 00
		53.....	3000 00
		54.....	3000 00
		58.....	100 00
		59.....	938 00
		61.....	200 00
		62.....	700 00
		63.....	500 00
		64.....	200 00
		65.....	300 00
		67.....	100 00
		68.....	1450 00
		69.....	210 00
		70.....	250 00
		71.....	400 00
		72.....	1500 00
		Due Town Treasurer,	1066 78

\$ 33,159 78

Assets of the town.

Town Farm,.....	\$ 3500 00
Personal property of Farm.....	2380 53
Town Hall & furniture,.....	16000 00
Gravel pit.....	100 00
Town safe.....	100 00
Due from B. Whipple, coll.....	168 59
“ “ H. B. Viall, do.....	800 00
“ “ C. L. Corbin to Hall.	10 00
	<hr/> \$22,959 12

Indebtedness over assets \$ 10,200 61

Town of Charlestown,

In account with GEORGE S. BOND, Custodian of Town Hall.

1874.

Cr.

March 3,	Singing school.....	\$ 1 50
	Unitarian Society, 1873.....	2 25
	Spiritualists	2 00
	Roman Catholics, 1873.....	4 00
30,	Whitmore & Clark.....	12 50
April 6,	Brass band.....	6 75
May 2,	Professor Harrington.....	12 50
	Professor Cadwell	10 00
	Ladies' So. Parish.....	6 62
	Grand Army.....	5 62
	Teachers' Institute.....	15 00
June 17,	Congregationalist Society....	2 25
July 4,	Ladies So. Parish.....	3 75
Aug. 3,	Ball.....	15 00
19,	St. Luke's Society.....	1 20
Sept. 1,	W. H. Otis.....	16 00
18,	Grand Army.....	60
21,	New Orleans Minstrels.....	10 00
24,	Hyer Sisters.....	3 00
Oct. 13,	Heywood Bros.....	10 00
Dec. 1,	Grand Army.....	9 10
15,	Congregationalist Society....	4 15
	Roman Catholics.....	5 00
24,	St. Luke's Society.....	3 00
25,	Ladies So. Parish.....	4 25
Jan. 1, 1875,	Ladies So. Parish.....	8 85
5,	J. B. Dinsmore....	2 00
6,	" "	5 00
10,	Roman Catholics.....	2 50
	Grand Army.....	17 20
30,	Washburn's Show.....	12 50
Feb. 1,	Ladies So. Parish.....	5 67
8,	St. Luke's Society.....	3 50
	Singing School, 10 nights....	12 50
19,	F. H. Brown.....	12 00
26,	Nelly Daniels.....	12 50
		————— \$260 26

Dr.

1 Gallon measure.....	75	
1 Tunnel.....	20	
1 Dripping pan.....	50	
1 Mop, handle.....	35	
1 Broom.....	35	
Labor.....	3	00
1 Lamp hook.....	80	
2 Brooms.....	60	
1 Chandelier.....	16	50
Chain, pulley and labor.....	3	27
1 Basket.....	50	
1 Bar soap.....	10	
$\frac{1}{2}$ Cord wood.....	1	50
1 Shovel.....	30	
Oil, as by voucher.....	10	19
Coal " ".....	72	76
H. Green, labor, as by voucher.....	122	00
Chimneys.....	2	37
Wicks.....	70	
	—	\$236 74
Paid Town Treasurer.....		23 52

 260 26

Coal on hand,.....	22	50
Implements on hand,.....	5	32
Chandelier on hand,.....	21	17
Due from C. L. Corbin, for use of Hall for Ball, Nov. 11, 1874,.....	10	00
Paid Town Treasurer,.....	23	52

 Net income of Hall, \$82 51

GEORGE S. BOND,

Custodian.

March 1, 1875.

The Selectmen recommend the raising of the following sums, for the ensuing year.

For State Tax.....	\$ 3,024	00
County Tax.....	3,200	00
Schools.....	2,436	00

For Roads and Bridges.....	600 00
Town Officers.....	1,000 00
Paupers	1,000 00
Interest on Town Debt.....	2,000 00
Incidentals.....	600 00
Cemeteries.....	200 00
Highways.....	2,000 00

All of which is respectfully submitted by

ROSWELL W. ROBERTSON,	} <i>Selectmen of</i>
BENJAMIN W. PUTNAM,	
JOHN W. TAYLOR.	

Charlestown.

I have examined the within account and find the same to be correct and properly vouched.

H. B. VIALL. Auditor.

March 2, 1875.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS,
CHARLESTOWN, N. H.,
For the year ending March 9th, 1875.

The school year has closed, and the Superintendent gathers all the facts of importance or interest, connected with the schools into his annual report.

The report shall be as truthful as it can be made. Nothing of importance shall be blanced or omitted, and nothing set down in malice. The citizens of the town have a right to know the exact condition of the schools. In two or three districts there has been a little disturbing element, and the work of teaching has been less thorough and successful on that account. But in most of the schools the teaching has been satisfactory and with excellent results.

REV. FRANCIS CHASE was chosen at the beginning of the school year to assist in the superintendence of the village schools. In the Spring, a severe illness unfitted him for this work and the more important work of his Parish. Resigning his charge as Rector of St. Luke's Church, he sought to recruit his wasted strength by rest from labor and by travel in the Old World. In the resignation and removal of Mr. Chase the Church lost a faithful pastor and rector, the town a valuable citizen, and the cause of Education and the schools a good and much needed friend. When Mr. Chase left, the care and supervision of all the schools came upon the present superintendent. The village schools good as they have been, the past year, would have been improved if they had not been deprived of his valuable services.

Solon, the celebrated legislator of Athens, we are told, enacted a law for the capital punishment of every citizen who should continue neutral when parties ran high in that Republic. To be indifferent to the interests of the State was a capital offence. We may object to the rigor of this law and the severity of the punishment. But there is a very just principle underlying this requirement. In a political contest relating to particular men or measures, a well-wisher to his country may be permitted to remain silent; but when the great interests of a nation are at stake, it becomes every man to act with firmness and with vigor.

If some Solon of this day, had power to enact that every citizen should take a lively interest in the schools of his town or city we might look for great improvements in the cause of education. This is a subject to which the majority of citizens give very little attention. And yet there is nothing connected with citizenship more important than this.

In the time of the Elder Pliny, Carthage was the enemy and rival of Rome. Pliny who was a great orator and noble Roman patriot, closed every oration he pronounced, no matter what subject was discussed, in these words: "Whatever you may think of the subject under discussion, Carthage must be destroyed." In this way he kept this subject and the danger and the duty of the Roman people ever before their minds. If we had the spirit of this noble Roman, not in relation to our political dangers only but our educational dangers and would say in all our debates, "Whatever you may think of the subject under discussion, OUR SCHOOLS must be maintained," then we might see the cause of education prosper.

District No. 1. Prudential Committee, MR. GILBERT SPENCER. Teacher for the year, MISS LOUISE M. DINSMORE.

The School-house in this district has been in ruins for several years. In the Autumn, a committee appointed for this purpose, raised it from its ruins and made it neat and comfortable. In the Summer term of seven weeks, there were eighteen scholars. Miss Dinsmore who had taught this school so acceptably before, fully sustained her excellent reputation as a teacher. The school always appeared well,

the pupils were always interested and made rapid progress. Before the Winter term commenced, many of the children had removed from the district and the school was consequently very small. Of this term the Superintendent knows almost nothing. The Prudential Committee did not inform him of the day on which the term closed, and he did not visit the school enough to judge of the teaching or progress of the scholars.

Districts No. 2, and 3. These two districts, together, include the four village Schools. The North Primary, with an average attendance of more than fifty children, was taught by MRS. M. J. PUTNAM. Mrs. Putnam has been long and favorably known, as a teacher, to the people of Charlestown. This year has been one of her most successful years in her School. She has been ambitious to learn new and improved methods of instruction; and for this purpose visited, twice, the Public Schools of Boston to see how they were governed and taught. The information gained in this way was made available in her own school with excellent results.

The South Primary, with an average attendance a little less than fifty, was taught through the year by Miss LOUISE H. GRINNELL. This School has not been so well taught for several years. The children were drilled in the most thorough way in all their studies. The elementary rules of Arithmetic were dwelt upon, and made so plain that all could understand them. Miss Grinnell has been devoted to her work and ambitious to insure complete success.

The children under her instruction made rapid progress in all their studies. No work was omitted that could interest the children or benefit the School.

At the commencement of the Spring Term the Grammar and High School were thrown together; and the result was, as might be expected, a failure. Miss HATTIE L. PIKE who had been successful elsewhere was engaged to teach the School. The failure of the School was not caused by the incompetency of the Teacher so much as by the folly of the Committee. The attempt to throw the two schools together, to save expense, was made before, and a similar failure was the result. But one mistake was not enough to teach us wisdom.

The Summer and Winter Terms of the High School were taught by MISS ANNETTE H. CARLETON. Miss Carleton was well known to the inhabitants of Charlestown, in years past, as an excellent Teacher. Coming back to a place where she was so well known she has even increased her reputation as a thorough and successful instructor. At no time in the history of this School has there been more or better work done than in the last two Terms.

The Grammar School, for the Fall and Winter Terms has been in the hands of MISS EMMA A. PRESTON. We cannot speak too highly of this school. Miss Preston's methods of instruction are very fine. She gives herself unreservedly to her work; and combines tact in questioning, with energy in action and thoroughness in teaching.

District No. 4. Prudential Committee, MR. CHARLES WILLARD, JR. For the last three or four years this school has been one of the largest and best in the town. And we regret to report that, through the actions of some of the larger boys, this Winter, the school has partially lost its good reputation. The Spring Term was taught by MISS HARRIET M. PARKS. This was a pleasant and profitable term. The school when visited always appeared well.

The Winter Term was a failure. When we speak of a failure in a school there are many who think the cause of it must be the inefficient teacher. The failure here was not in the teacher but in the scholars. They failed to study, failed in obedience and failed in gentlemanly behavior. The teacher, MR. MILTON A. HICKS was not sufficiently determined and inflexible; but in other respects was competent and has many good qualifications as a teacher.

The Supreintendent closed the school not because the teacher was incompetent but because of the disobedience of the larger boys and the interference of the parents. The unfinished Winter term is taught by MR. W. P. BECKWITH, an earnest, able and accomplished teacher.

District No. 5. MR. EDWIN HUBBARD Prudential Committee. In this school there were three terms the past year. The Spring Term of seven weeks was kept by MISS S. ABBIE SPOONER. For the second term of seven weeks the Committee was fortunate enough to secure MR. A. L. F. DUTTON, a fine scholar and superior teacher. Mr. Dutton awakened

great enthusiasm and interest in his school. His methods of instruction were of a very high order; and great regret was expressed because the term was so short. The Winter Term of eight weeks was taught by MISS EDNA L. COPELAND. Miss Copeland had taught several terms in this district before and always with marked success.

District No. 6. Prudential Committee MR. HENRY. JENNY. The Summer Term was taught by MISS LOUISE H. ALLEN. Miss Allen is a good teacher and had the love of all the children. Clara E. Perry, Willis M. Perry, Carlos R. Way, were not spoken to nor reproved for any misconduct. Minnie M. Hamlin, Fanny R. Hamlin, Hattie E. Hemmet, Willis M. Perry, Charles L. Hamlin, Carlos R. Way had no marks of absence, tardiness nor dismissal.

MISS PAULINE S. MILLER taught the Winter school in the most acceptable manner. The school was large, the attendance good and the instruction excellent. Clara E. Perry, Charles McMahon, Charles Hamlin, Arthur Town, Lloyd Hamlin were not absent or tardy during the long Winter term.

District No. 7. Prudential Committee in this district is MR. EDWARD R. PERRY. There have been two Terms of School. The Summer Term, taught by MISS ELIZABETH J. PUTNAM, was well and faithfully taught. The Winter School, teacher, MISS SARAH M. WALKER, was a very poor one. The Teacher has not returned the Register, as by law required.

District No. 8. Prudential Committee, MR. NELSON LOCKE. In this district there were two terms of school. MISS ADDIE F. HEYWOOD taught the summer term. MISS ELIZA S. EGGLESTON taught the Autumn term of six weeks. The school consisting of seven or eight little scholars, always appeared well.

District No. 9. Prudential Committee, MR. RILEY GOODELL. This, one of the most advanced and important schools in the town, was taught in the Summer by MISS JULIA A. DUNHAM, an accomplished and successful teacher. We seldom have in our schools teachers who accomplish more or better work than Miss Dunham. The Winter term was taught by MR. FRED A. PIPER. It was Mr. Piper's first

experience in teaching. The school commenced well and gave promise of the very best success. We predicted and expected fine results from Mr. Piper's instruction. He was, however, interrupted in his work, and the school was brought suddenly to a close by sickness. Diphtheria, in a malignant form, came into the school, and four of the pupils, some of the most promising and best scholars, died. Fred J. Wheaton, Etta Baldwin, Harry Baldwin, Dora Goodell were the victims of this dreadful scourge. The sudden death of these young people threw a gloom over the town, and the sympathies of all the citizens were called out by the great affliction that fell upon these families.

District No. 10. In this district there has been a school kept in a private house for a few weeks.

District No. 11. Prudential Committee, MR. J. L. ADAMS. Here there were two Terms of School. The first, eight weeks, was taught by MISS EVA SNOW. The second, nine weeks, by MISS MARY A. SIMPSON. Both terms were fairly taught. The teachers were diligent and faithful to their duties in the school room.

District No. 12. Prudential Committee, MR. MARK LANE. There has been but one Term of School in this district the past year. MISS. H. ABBIE WHIPPLE was the teacher. The school always appeared in good order, and the scholars interested. We would be glad to give more information about this school, but the Register has not been returned by the teacher.

District No. 13. Prudential Committee, MR. E. A. SCOTT. There have been, this year, twenty-three weeks of school in this district. The summer term of eleven weeks was taught by Miss EVA S. FARWELL. Miss Farwell was not successful, as a teacher, in this school. The Winter Term of twelve weeks was taught by MISS ALICE M. MOFFETT. It was always a pleasure to go into this school. Every branch that the pupils studied seemed to be thoroughly understood. We heard better recitations here than in any other school. The order, the spirit, the instruction were all of the very best.

District No. 14. Prudential Committee, ARTEMAS C.

EGGLESTON. The Summer Term, of eight weeks, was taught by MISS ELIZA EGGLESTON,—whole number of scholars, thirteen. The Winter Term was taught by MR. JOSEPH S. HUNT,—number of scholars, fifteen. Neither of these teachers had ever taught before.

For the last two years Charlestown has been declining in population, in wealth and in business activity. Our Schools, Churches, and every moral interest will quickly feel the influence of this decline, unless we address ourselves with manly earnestness to their improvement. The beautiful valley in which Charlestown is located is like the old classical Sleepy Hollow, rendered famous by the genius of Irving, in which everything was wrapped in a profound sleep, and was as silent as the grave. When we awake from our Rip Van Winkle sleep we may talk of living and doing something for the future.

Our schools can never be good until we are willing to do more for them. Until we are willing to engage the very best teachers we can find, and bring the best available talent into them. If we wisely support our schools we will not have to look far into the future to see the beneficial results. We shall provide for the young men and women of this generation advantages greater than the past enjoyed.

Respectfully submitted.

EUGENE DE NORMANDIE,

Superintendent of Schools.

TOWN MEETING WORK.

The subscribers desire to give notice that they are, at all times, prepared to do any kind of

PRINTING

which may be required or convenient for the more speedy transaction of town business.

The COPY for Check Lists should be ready several days before it is necessary to post the same, as time is absolutely necessary to get them RIGHT. The same is true with regard to Reports for the Annual Meetings. Printers cannot be responsible for errors made on account of bad copy, unless they have time for proof-reading and to get assistance from the writers. But notwithstanding some difficulties which are unavoidable, the subscribers take pleasure in saying that their work has been satisfactory to their patrons heretofore, and will be hereafter, as far as the nature of the case will permit.

Their PRICES for all such work will be suitable to the quality of the same, and though in some cases they may be higher than are charged for poorer work, yet careful investigation generally proves them to be even lower.

The reason of this is that they have facilities for doing the work which others have not—THEY undoubtedly doing, in their way, as low as they can, and the subscribers doing the same in THEIR way. The conclusion is that those town officers who consult the interest of the tax-payers and at the same time the tastes of cultivated people, will carry their work where it can be done at the *lowest price and in the best manner*,

 Please read the Back Cover.

BRING YOUR COPY AND YOUR ORDERS, NEXT
YEAR, IN SEASON to

THE CLAREMONT MANUF'G CO.,

Claremont, N. H.

THE CLAREMONT MANUFACTURING COMPANY

GIVE PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO PRINTING

Sermons, Memorial Addresses,
HISTORICAL VOLUMES,
AND
Book Work, in General.

THEY ALSO FURNISH

Town Reports, Orders, Check Lists, Bonds,
COLLECTORS' NOTICES, &C.

Banks, Savings' Institutions, Probate Offices,
Town Clerks, &c., supplied with

BLANK BOOKS, MADE TO ORDER,

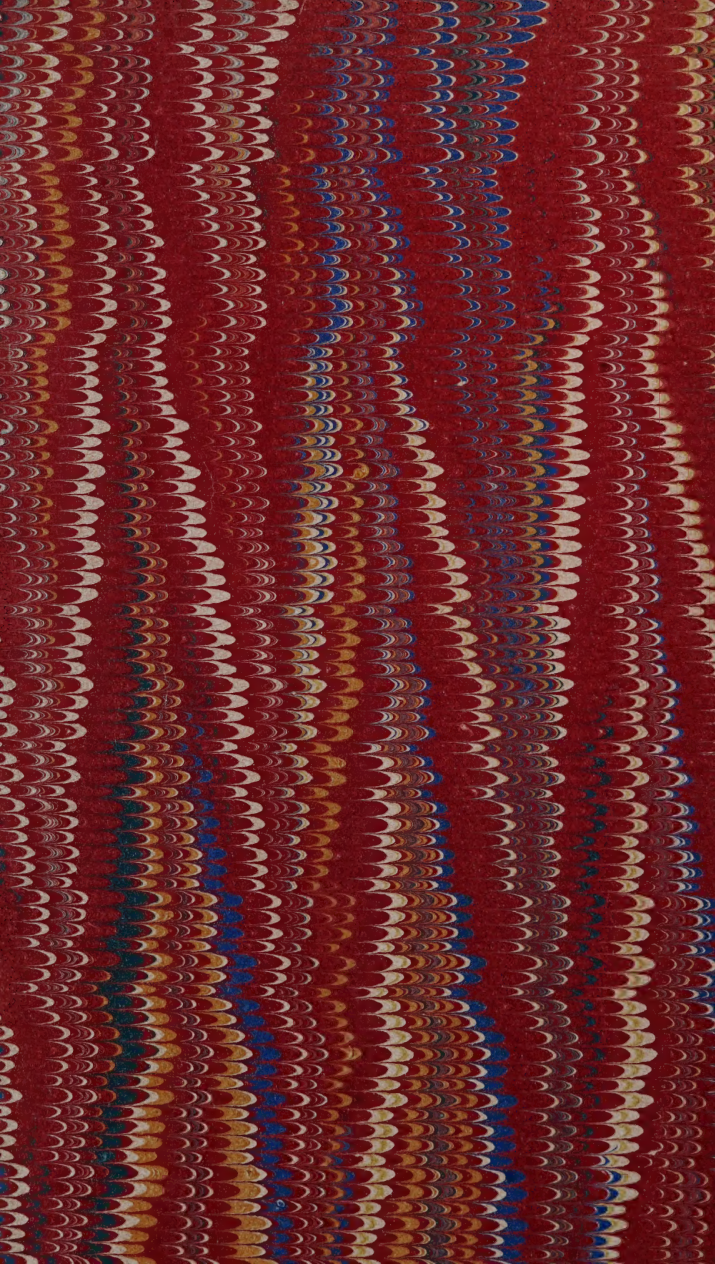
With special Ruling and Headings, in
The very best Style of Paper and Binding,
AT REASONABLE RATES.

They also continue to do

MAGAZINE and JOB BINDING,

And keep on hand a full supply of
Legal Blanks for Vermont and New-Hampshire.

Cash Paid for
Cotton or Woolen Rags, Old Papers and Old Books,
IN ANY QUANTITY.





New Hampshire State Library



3 4677 00338320 0